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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

Comments on Draft Letter to Mr. McGeorge
Bundy from Mr. U. Alexis Johnson Relative
to 16 May Letter to the President from the
Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

1. I have reviewed the subject letter and believe that it paints a much too much rosy picture of the adequacy of the coordination in the past. In actual fact, all the position papers to the UN were not designed to protect our reconnaissance satellite capabilities and our freedom of action. A good example is the State proposal to register all satellites which seriously limits our freedom of action and which was never coordinated with CIA and only with ISA (International Security Affairs) in the Defense Department. Even up to last week State was neglecting coordination with CIA at a working level but I believe this has been corrected as a result of my protest to Alexis Johnson.

2. I called Mr. Johnson and gave him my views on the draft letter and suggested that rather than drag out past errors, the present letter should be couched in terms of present and future. He agreed and indicated that he would do this. He furthermore stated it was proposed to include NASA in the working group since they have many inputs in this policy field.

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